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RESPONSECommissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Responsive to the Communication dated 8/14/03, further in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated 6/5/03, and still further in response to a telephone interview conducted October 3, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper